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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. KAWANO  
Serial No. : 09/840,193  
Filed : APRIL 23, 2001  
For : RADIATION IMAGE PROCESSING  
APPARATUS  
Art Unit : 2621  
Examiner : MILLER, RYAN J.  
Customer No.: 01933

**RESPONSE- 37 CFR 1.111**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
JUNE 25, 2004, the term for response to which expires on  
JULY 25, 2004.

**ELECTION**

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-10 and 30,  
drawn to a radiation image processing apparatus and method that  
uses contour recognition to extract a feature amount, for further  
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully  
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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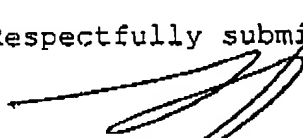
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Dated: July 19, 2004

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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